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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EPA AIR EXPERTS ROGER STRELOW AND
JOEL HOROWITZ

REF: STATE 160218

1. DR. ABBAS ORDOOBADI, AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS
COUNSELOR AT EMBASSY IRAN, WASHINGTON, HAS AGREED TO MAKE
HOTEL RESERVATIONS DURING VISIT OF STRELOW, HOROWITZ AND
THEIR WIVES AUGUST 15-SEPTEMBER 1. EPA WOULD APPRECIATE
CONTACT WITH FIROUZ' OFFICE TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS. PRO-
POSED ITINERARIES AS FOLLOW:

ROGER STRELOW: 8/15 - AR TEHRAN 7:40 PM VIA PAN AM 110

8/19 - LV TEHRAN 8:30 PM VIA IR 231

AR ISFAHAN 9:10 PM

8/21 - LV ISFAHAN 7:00 PM IR 210

AR TEHRAN 7:45 PM

8/22 - LV TEHRAN 6:00 AM VIA PAN AM 111

JOEL HOROWITZ: 8/15 - AR TEHRAN 7:40 PM VIA PAN AM 110

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8/24 - LV TEHRAN 7:30 AM VIA IR 427

AR SHIRAZ 8:40 AM
8/28 - LV SHIRAZ 8:15 AM VIA IR 420
AR ISFAHAN 8:55 AM
8/31 - LV ISFAHAN 7:00 PM VIA IR 210
AR TEHRAN 7:45 PM
9/1 - LV TEHRAN 5:00 AM VIA PAN AM 111

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION, TO THE EXTENT IT IS AVAILABLE, WOULD BE USEFUL TO STRELOW AND HOROWITZ IN ASSESSING AIR QUALITY SITUATION IN TEHRAN. FOLLOWING LIST IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO INSURE PRODUCTIVE VISIT. IDENTIFICATION OF INFORMATION THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE IS CONSIDERED TO BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

AIR QUALITY DATA:

1. MEASURED CONCENTRATIONS OF CARBON MONOXIDE, OXIDANT OR OZONE, NITROGEN DIOXIDE AND TOTAL NITROGEN OXIDES.
2. AVERAGING TIMES FOR THE MEASUREMENTS.
3. LOCATIONS AND CONDITIONS WHERE THE MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE (E.G. DOWNTOWN MAJOR STREET, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL AREA, ETC.).
4. EXTENT OF AIR QUALITY MONITORING NETWORK.
5. ANY AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN IRAN.

EMISSIONS DATA:

1. EMISSIONS OF HYDROCARBONS, NITROGEN OXIDES AND CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE TEHRAN AREA ACCORDING TO MAJOR SOURCE CATEGORY (E.G. AUTOMOBILES, OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES, REFINERIES, ETC.). THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMISSIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH SOURCE CLASS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ABSOLUTE EMISSIONS LEVELS.

AUTOMOBILE INFORMATION:
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1. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES OPERATING IN TEHRAN, THEIR AGES, AND THE PREDOMINANT MANUFACTURERS.
2. EXTENT TO WHICH AUTOMOBILES ARE DIESEL OR GASOLINE POWERED.
3. DESCRIPTION OF ANY AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS MEASUREMENT

PROGRAMS THAT EXIST IN IRAN.

4. EXTENT TO WHICH AUTOMOBILES ARE MANUFACTURED/
ASSEMBLED IN IRAN OR IMPORTED AFTER ASSEMBLY.

5. DESCRIPTION OF AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE INDUSTRY
(E.G., IS THERE A LARGE PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE
INDUSTRY)?

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

1. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TEHRAN HOUSEHOLDS OWN CARS?

2. HOW DO THE INCOMES OF CAR-OWNING HOUSEHOLDS COMPARE
WITH OVERALL INCOMES IN TEHRAN?

3. HOW FAST ARE AUTOMOBILE OWNERSHIP AND USE IN TEHRAN
GROWING?

4. IS THERE A PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM (E.G., BUS OR SUB-
WAY SYSTEM IN TEHRAN?

5. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF ALL TRIPS ARE BY TRANSIT? WHAT
PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES TAKE TRANSIT TO WORK?

6. WHAT PLANS ARE THERE TO EXPAND THE TRANSIT SYSTEM?

7. DOES THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ANY PLANS TO
CONTROL THE GROWTH OF AUTOMOBILE USE IN TEHRAN OR,
IF NOT, WOULD THEY BE INTERESTED IN DOING SO?

8. DO PEOPLE WHO DRIVE TO WORK HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING?

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9. WHAT ARE TEHRAN LAND USE PATTERNS (E.G., WHAT
PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSEHOLDS ARE DOWN-
TOWN AND IN THE SUBURBS; IS TEHRAN A RADIAL, CORE-
ORIENTED CITY OR IS IT SPRAWLED OUT)?

10. WHAT ARE THE BROAD TRANSPORTATION AND LAND-USE
POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR THE TEHRAN AREA (E.G., WHAT
KINDS OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FAVORED, WHERE IS
GROWTH LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE) AND WHAT IS BEING DONE
TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES?

3. EPA REGARDS VISIT OF STRELOW-HOROWITZ AS HAVING
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION WITH ANTICI-
PATED FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES REQUIRED. EPA WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENCY-TO-AGENCY

REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR FOLLOW-ON SERVICES,
EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL, TRAINING, ETC.

4. IN ORDER TO DISCUSS AGREEMENT AND OTHER PRIORITY
ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS, EPA MAY ALSO SEND DR. DONALD T.
OAKLEY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DIVISION,
WITH STRELOW AND HOROWITZ. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF
DECISION ON THIS BEFORE AUGUST 1.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REACTION TO
PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE, ESPECIALLY WHETHER TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS APPEAR APPROPRIATE. RE PARA 3, REIMBURSABLE
AGREEMENT WOULD LOOK TOWARD A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT IRANIAN EXPENSE. RE PARA 4,
EMBASSY'S AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE BEFORE
BROADER REVIEW OF OTHER POTENTIAL REIMBURSABLE ENVIRON-
MENTAL SERVICES IS UNDERTAKEN WITH IRANIANS.
EXPANSION OF OAKLEY VISIT TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN PERSIAN
GULF AREA ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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